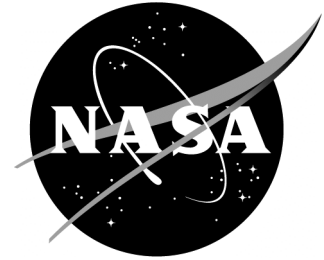


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NASA LANGLEY HONORS STUDENT WINNERS OF NSIP COMPETITION

What happened on a cold windswept beach near Kitty Hawk, NC, on December 17, 1903? How did this event change the world? If you could send a mission to Mars, what would you look for, and how would you do it? How does time and space - on land, in water, and in the air - change the Earth, physically, chemically and biologically?

Students nationwide tackled these and other questions as part of the NASA Student Involvement Program (NSIP) competition. First place high school winners and their teachers will be recognized at the NSIP National Symposium, May 5-6 hosted by NASA Langley Research Center at the Radisson Hotel, Hampton, Va.

The students will present their winning projects from one of the following competition areas: *Design a Mission to Mars*; *Watching Earth Change*; or *Science and Technology Journalism*. At the symposium, students will also share their research with their peers during an informal poster session and NASA will honor student achievements at an award dinner.

Designed by scientists and educators, NSIP supports the national standards and local school curriculum for science, mathematics, technology, and geography "The program takes learning out of the textbook and places it in the hands of students and educators," says Dr. Bill Williams, Pre-College Officer, NASA Langley. "It inspires students at an early age and keeps them connected to NASA."

NSIP is a national program for grades K-12 that links students directly with NASA of research, exploration, and discovery missions. Students are challenged to investigate Earth from space, explore Earth systems in their neighborhood, and learn about the latest developments in aeronautics, and Earth and space exploration.

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For more information about the NASA Student Involvement Program, visit:

<http://www.education.nas.gov/nsip>

<http://www.nsip.net>

Virginia 2003 high school honorees selected by NASA Langley Research Center are:

Watching Earth Change:

Annie Fong
Ms. Joy Young, Teacher
Norfolk Technical Vocation Center
Norfolk, Virginia

Science and Technology Journalism:

Claire White
Ms. Maryanne Donelan, Teacher
Lake Braddock Secondary School
Burke, Virginia

Design A Mission To Mars:

Debra Geary
Christine Hulse
Mrs. Maria Clayton, Teacher
West Springfield High School
Springfield, Virginia

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